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## JEWES REJECT TRUSTEESHIP

### Provisional Govt To Be Set Up ARABS BLOW UP JEWISH HOUSES

Tel-Aviv, Mar. 23.—The two main elective councils of the Jewish people on Tuesday night rejected Palestine trusteeship and said that a provisional government of a Jewish state would become operative by May 16.

In the meantime the Jewish Agency and Vaad Leumi announced "We will do our utmost to minimise the chaos created by the present government and we will maintain so far as lies within our power the public service neglected by it."—Associated Press.

#### BLOWN TO PIECES

Jerusalem, Mar. 23.—Between 30 and 40 houses in the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem were blown to pieces on Tuesday night by an Arab driven lorry jammed with explosives.

An official version of the incident said: "Shortly after 6.24 p.m. under heavy covering fire from the Jaffa gate a military type vehicle was driven into the north-west corner of the Jewish quarter of the city.

An Arab jumped from the lorry and the vehicle ran down into the quarter and exploded. It is reported that 30 to 40 houses were destroyed completely. Jewish residents report 10 to 15 slightly injured.

Arab commandos entered the heavily fortified Montefiore quarter of Jerusalem one hour after sunset on Tuesday night with bombs and machinegun fire, killing "several Jews."

A bitter battle involving British troops, Arabs and Jews broke out in the Montefiore quarter where buildings in the Montefiore quarter were blown up, inflicting "heavy casualties."

The blast shattered windows and bullets splattered walls of the As-souf Press office 300 yards away.

#### OTHER INCIDENTS

One Arab was killed and one wounded when their truck was fired on by unknown persons near the Arab town of Hebron on Tuesday afternoon, according to an official source.

Six Arabs were wounded when a grenade exploded near the Damascus gate in Jerusalem. Police said the explosion is believed to have been caused accidentally.

Two Arabs were killed and a third missing when an Arab

labourer's truck was ambushed and fired on by a party of armed Jews near Jaffa on Tuesday.

Four Arabs were shot at and wounded by Jews South of Haifa, the police report adds.

North of Haifa a passenger train was derailed on Tuesday after part of the line was blown up by an explosion. The engine and five coaches were damaged but no casualties were reported.

A Jew was killed and three wounded in the Jaffa-Tel-Aviv borderland fighting in which Arabs used heavy weapons, an official source said.

After Arabs attacked the Jewish Hativnah quarter, Jews directed more fire at the nearby Arab Jabatiya quarter of Jaffa.

Three Arabs were reported hurt and six houses demolished.

Three more Arabs were wounded when a truck was fired on in the Tiboria area in Northeast Palestine, police said.—Associated Press.

#### PALESTINE DEBATE

London, Mar. 23.—Despite the American withdrawal of support for the "partition of Palestine," the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, declared in the House of Commons tonight that "the Government has not changed its policy."

"It cannot change its policy because some other state makes a proposition. That some state has made a number of propositions in relation to Palestine."

"Neither does anything the Assembly of the United Nations may do affect our coming out of Palestine."

Mr. Bevin was intervening in a debate on Palestine in the House of Commons in which the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, had emphasised that Britain would end the British mandate on May 15 and withdraw her troops by August 1.

Opposition Members had expressed dissatisfaction that no Government reaction had been given to the United States Government's decision to abandon the policy of partition and the suggestion of a trusteeship for Palestine.

Mr. Bevin added: "The British Government have said that while we will do all in our power to bring some settlement between Arabs and Jews, they will take no part in enforcing any decision on one party or the other."

"While other people would realise what any attempt at enforcement is going to mean. While further discussions are going on, we shall remain in a neutral position until we know what the actual proposals are. I do not know what the actual reaction of the Arabs or the Jews is going to be to the proposals. We will do all we can to promote harmony between these two causes."

#### BRITAIN'S POSITION

Mr. Bevin declared that Britain had made up her mind "very strongly" that she could not be in the same position as the other members of the United Nations.

"While we have troops in Palestine and are involved as we have been, we do not occupy the same position as other member nations."

"After we are out and a new administration has taken over, another situation may arise, but I want to emphasise that we have got to be in a position to be out of Palestine, and that is the fundamental position of British policy."

On the suggestion that Britain was handing over to chaos, Mr. Bevin declared: "We are handing over to the United Nations. If the United Nations, in taking it on, has produced chaos, how is Great Britain handing over to chaos?"

"We have been willing to hand over to the United Nations Commission or to the Security Council."

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We're still waiting  
For the rains,  
And until they come  
your duty is clear—  
**Don't Waste  
Any Water**

### DISARMING JAPAN

#### Commission Reveals Its Measures

Washington, Mar. 23.—The 11-nation Far Eastern Commission today published its measures to disarm Japan. A formal policy decision, already submitted to General Douglas MacArthur, permits weapons only for the civil police and for licensed hunters.

It bans the manufacture of aircraft of any kind in Japan.

The new policy decision provides: 1.—The construction of any warships or auxiliary craft, or the conversion of other vessels to military purposes, is prohibited.

2.—All records of military equipment from World War II should be destroyed or scrapped, except as needed by the occupation forces, the civil police, or for reparations.

3.—All records of military registration of former Japanese forces must be confiscated and transferred to the Allied Commander for subsequent destruction. No further records may be kept.

4.—All Japanese military organizations, including such paramilitary groups as former officers' organizations, are outlawed.

5.—Military training and military instruction in schools is prohibited. The decision also bans the employment in public posts of former military officers of all kinds.

The Allied Commander may make exceptions in instances where records show that an individual opposed Japanese expansionism and totalitarianism.—Reuter.

### H.K.'s TIN ALLOCATION

#### 75 Tons For First Half Of 1948

London, Mar. 23.—The Combined Tin Committee has allocated 13,940 further tons of tin to 22 nations for the first half of 1948.

Together with amounts previously received by these countries for the first half of 1947, the total tin allocations will be 100,000 tons.

The Ministry of Supply which made the announcement, said, however, "it may be possible for the Committee to make small additional allocations after a further review of the supply position in May."

#### FROM UNITED KINGDOM

The new additional allocations follow: Canada 815 tons; Ceylon 15; Czechoslovakia 250; Denmark 120; Egypt 70; Finland 40; France 2,040; the United States-British zone of Germany 240.

India 1,050; Ireland 10; New Zealand 110; Norway 60; Pakistan 250; Poland 350; Sweden 300; Switzerland 135; Turkey 105; United States 7,650; Uruguay 35; Yugoslavia 120; other Latin America and Middle East 80.

Supplies will come from the United Kingdom on behalf of Malaya; Hong Kong; Netherlands; Belgium; China; Siam; and the United States for stocks of Japanese tin.

Small needs of some Latin American and Middle East countries may be met from British, Belgian, Dutch and United States sources.—Associated Press.

#### Concession For Chinese Shipping

Shanghai, Mar. 24.—SCAP in Tokyo has formally authorised the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company to establish branch offices in Tokyo, Yokohama and Osaka, it was announced here.

According to Mr. Ito Shih-yuan, Assistant Manager of the Company, they are unlikely to make use of the authorisation in the near future.—Reuter.

### Enticing Britain's Tourists

#### NO COUPONS AND EXTRA PETROL

London, Mar. 23.—The Board of Trade President, Mr. Harold Wilson disclosed to Parliament today a plan to let foreign visitors spend their money for clothes in Britain without worrying about coupons.

They will also get extra petrol if they bring an automobile or buy a new one here to take home with them.

Both schemes become effective on May 1 and will operate for an undefined "experimental period" as a test to see whether they will draw more foreign tourists to the country and whether the tourists will help Britain's export drive by exchanging and using more foreign currency here.

#### VOUCHER BOOKS

Mr. Wilson said "tourist voucher books" allowing visitors to make six ration free purchases of such articles as suits, dress lengths or shoes, if the tourist will present his foreign passport and convert enough of his own country's currency to equal £25.

"I am satisfied," Mr. Wilson said, "that overseas visitors will in this way be able to buy reasonable quantities of goods they want and that it will enable retail traders to make a contribution to the export drive."

The visitors will still have to pay purchase tax which ranges from 25 percent on most clothing, articles and up to 125 percent on highest grade fur coats.

If the six items are not enough the tourist may use their personal export scheme under which a tailor will sell a garment, free of both coupons and purchase tax if it is to be sent straight out of the country without passing through the buyer's hands.

#### PETROL FOR 1,000 MILES

A dozen clothing coupons—not quite half enough for a man's suit, but enough for some dresses or a pair of shoes—will be issued to all overseas Olympic competitors, officials and their families.

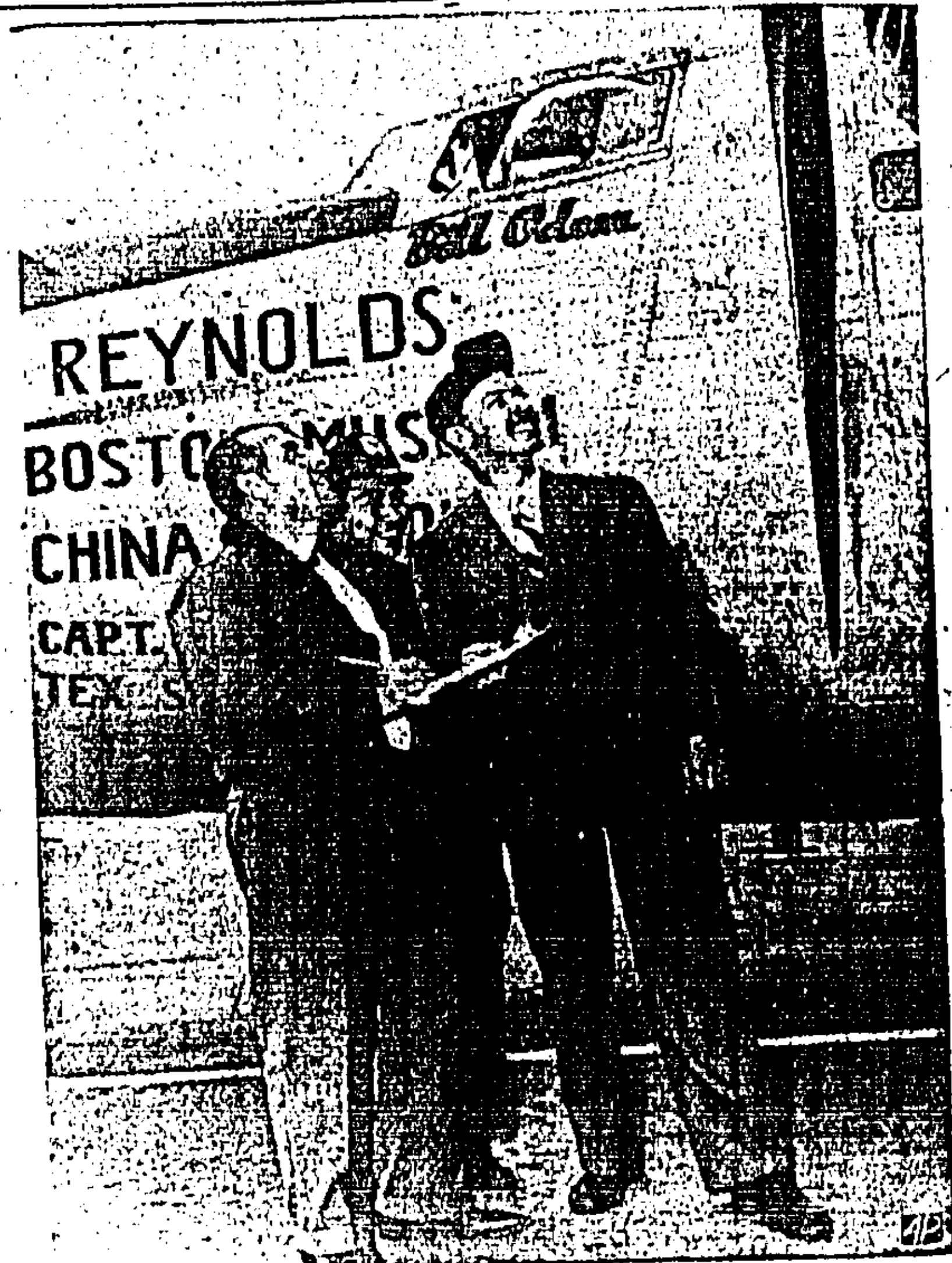
A tourist with an automobile may have enough petrol for 1,000 miles driving during the first month of his visit and 300 miles a month for the next two months.—Associated Press.

### Apology Made To Actress

London, Mar. 23.—Film actress Paulette Goddard and husband Burgess Meredith accepted an apology from the Sunday Pictorial newspaper today in full settlement of a libel action.

Frederick Mullally, the newspaper's columnist, said in an article on November 16 that Miss Goddard had bought antique furniture with money earned making a film in Britain and sent the goods to America for sale to get around exchange control regulations.

Miss Goddard and Meredith said that actually they were paid for their work in America with dollars and that the things they bought in England were purchased with dollars transmitted from the United States. They did not ask for damages, Counsel for the newspaper said it withdrew its criticism and expresses sincere regret.—Associated Press.



Here is Milton Reynolds' coporatory plane, with pilot Bill Odum (right) showing Frank A. Pieper (left) superintendent of flight operations at Aviation Maintenance Corporation, Van Nuys, California, where a wing tank developed a leak after arrival in China. With Odum when the plane returned for repairs was Lieut. Chao Chu (centre), navigator. Latest reports say that the plane is now on its way to China.—AP Wirephoto

## Full TUC Support For Wage Freezing

### REPORT ON ECONOMIC CRISIS

London, Mar. 23.—Warning that Britain's present situation was fraught with enormous possibilities of disaster, the General Council of the Trades Union Congress tonight came out in full support of the Government's voluntary wage freezing policy.

The warning was contained in an economic crisis report by the General Council to tomorrow's special conference of the TUC. Union executives representing nearly 8,000,000 organised workers.

After giving the facts and figures on the adverse trade and payments balance which is the key to the economic crisis, the report says: "Unless we can quickly close the gap between our external receipts and payments, or secure very quickly additional assistance from the United States, Britain may, by reason of the inevitable ultimate exhaustion of her resources and the consequent widespread dislocation of her exporting industries, come to be looked upon in many parts of the world as a country from whom it is impossible to buy and to whom it would be folly to sell."

#### RESERVATIONS

The Council declared that the Government policy for wage freezing is acceptable to the trade unions with the qualification that the Government must:

(a) Recognise the necessity of retaining unimpaired the system of collective bargaining and free negotiation.

(b) Admit the justification for claims for increased wages where based on increased output.

(c) Permit the necessity of adjusting the wages of workers whose incomes are below a reasonable standard.

(d) Establish standards of wages and conditions in undermanned essential industries to attract sufficient manpower, and

(e) Recognise the need to safeguard wage differentials which are an essential element in the wages structure of many important industries and are required to sustain standards of craftsmanship, training and experience.

#### TWO DANGERS

The report declares that cuts in imports of food and consumer goods by adding to excess of purchasing power might make it more difficult to maintain effective rationing and price control.

Cuts in the imports of raw materials and industrial equipment would cause widespread unemployment and dislocation.

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## More British Military Police Moved Into Tense Trieste Area

Trieste, Mar. 23.—Fresh detachments of British military police have been moved into the tense frontier area of Trieste, it was announced officially on Tuesday night.

The disclosure was made by Maj. Gen. Terence Airey, chief civil officer of the Allied Military Government in a news conference.

He said: "I have moved more British military police into the frontier area in case there are petitions of the Sept. 15 incidents." (In September the Yugoslavs tried to move forces into the American zone of the Trieste free territory).

"We are on the alert but I do not expect any attempt," he added, "to do not believe the Yugoslavs will be silly enough to spoil their case in Trieste by trying it."

General Airey said that the local Communists and Slavs are apparently awaiting "orders from above."

In reply to a press conference questioner, he said the Yugoslavs may wait until after the Italian election before taking any action, adding that there are no signs from Yugoslavia of impending conflict as a result of the efforts of the Big Three to return Trieste to Italy.

"There is no ring of steel around the free territory with Slav soldiers wanting to fight at any moment," he said.

General Airey said the number of Yugoslav troops at the frontiers of the free territory was fairly normal and their main purpose is to check on frontier movements.

"We keep a close watch and there are no signs of impending conflict," he said he believed it would take several months to each any kind of agreement on Trieste and meanwhile AMG would continue to administer the Anglo-American zone on a "status quo" basis.

He said AMG believes the Yugoslavs have incorporated their zone of the free territory into Yugoslavia already, providing an insurmountable problem for the governor if one is named.

He repeated his previous assertion that there is no desire on the part of the local people to have an independent political status.—Associated Press.

### Flying Discs Sighted Again

Rome, Mar. 23.—Reports from Florence tonight said that seven "flying discs" were sighted at four a.m. yesterday morning flying over the town of Caracci from the direction of the Adriatic.

The discs, the reports added, were travelling southwards and were accompanied by a "thunderous noise."

A Reuter correspondent travelling by train between Turin and Rome saw one of the missiles which he compared with a comet with an over-lengthening tail.

The noise accompanying the disc, which was flying comparatively low, was sufficient to drown the noise of the train.—Reuter.

#### DISC WITH LONG TAIL

Geneva, Mar. 23.—A large luminous ball was sighted yesterday afternoon streaking southwards across the sky over the village of Welfeld, in northeastern Switzerland, the Swiss news agency reported today.

Later the inhabitants of Schwyz, in central Switzerland, reported seeing a luminous disc with a long tail passing overhead in a westerly direction.

A "flying saucer" scare began last July with reports of mysterious airborne objects hurtling across the sky from almost every state in the United States.

"Saucers" were later seen in Canada, Denmark, Sweden, France, Portugal, Austria and Italy.—Reuter.

### Bombay Curfew

Bombay, Mar. 23.—The police commissioner of Bombay on Tuesday ordered a curfew between 10 p.m. and 5.30 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday in Bombay's Hindu sections where rioting against Hindu Mahasabhas occurred following the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi.

The Hindu spring festival of the God of Love starts on Wednesday. The police have banned for 12 days the shouting of "obscene" slogans.—Associated Press.

### EDITORIAL

#### We Don't Seek Privileges

LORD Listowel is not the first visitor since the early months of reconocation to be impressed with the state of Hongkong, but his tributes and compliments, coming as they do from a Minister of State, provide not only a gentle stimulant to the Colony's ego, but an encouragement to strive even harder for greater achievements. It is observed that Listowel has studied sympathetically some of the problems, ambitions and inhibitions which contribute to the daily life of the community, and that he himself feels sufficiently informed to be able to speak on our behalf when he returns to London. Because it is the first time a Minister of State representing Colonial Affairs has come here to study the Colony first-hand, it is possible that Lord Listowel has been slightly overburdened with appeals and suggestions for putting in a good word "at the Colonial Office on behalf of the Colony's multifarious interests. We trust he will not leave us feeling that he has been imposed upon, or that our only interest in him has been to exact promises of assistance. We ask a special treatment from the Colonial Office, but we do feel justified in expecting fair and equal consideration in matters affecting administration and development. It is, for example, readily appreciated that the local advisers to the Colonial Office are surrounded with important work which makes it difficult for them to rush through draft bills connected with the establishment of a Municipal Council. Never-

theless, Hongkong feels it has been somewhat shabbily treated when it sees that Singapore, who drafted their measures for constitutional reform months after Hongkong, has not only received from the Colonial Office approved draft bills, but have even concluded their first elections. This certainly does suggest that Hongkong's proposed legislation has been put at the bottom of the state and that it has had to forfeit a priority to which it was entitled. We again, strongly commend this subject to the attention of Lord Listowel with the hope that he will take it up vigorously with the Colonial Office when he returns to London. In the course of his broadcast last Saturday and his press conference on Monday, Lord Listowel made two happy observations. The first was his approval of a policy that would encourage development of the idea of a Hongkong citizenship. There is a fairly strong public opinion on this question which Government could profitably stimulate. It is certainly a proposition deserving the consideration of Whitehall. The second observation was his assurance that the subject of war damage compensation was well on the way to a decision. Hongkong will readily accept the Minister's explanation that this is a problem covering a wide and diverse territory and that it cannot be dealt with piecemeal. But here again, it can be emphasised, Hongkong expects no privileges. All it asks is that when the time comes for a settlement, the Colony will be treated fairly and equitably.



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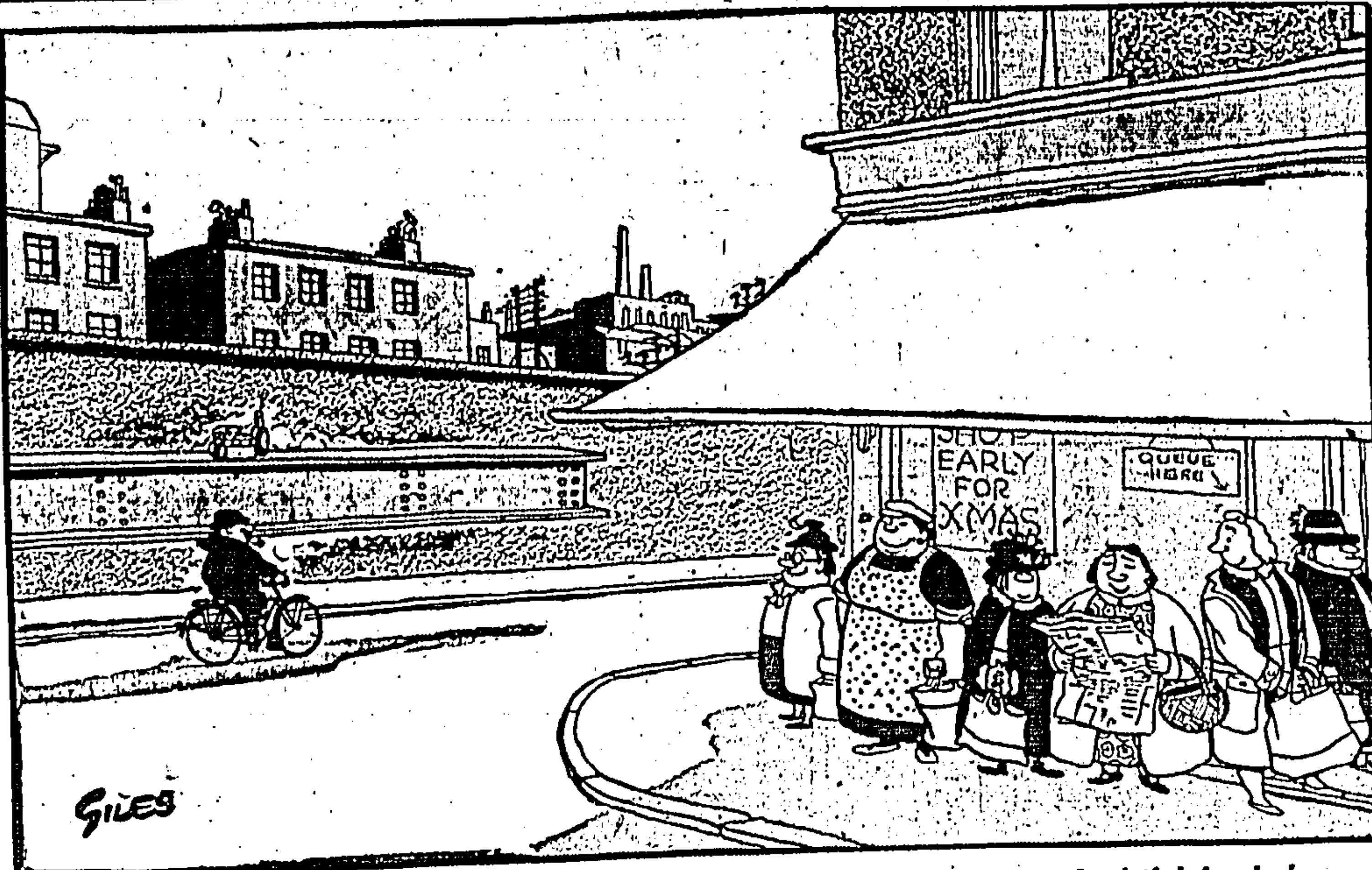
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Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

# Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

DEAR Loretta Young, It seems a shame to have a crack at you after you have aroused the indignation of half the British Press because you are reported to have said, in an interview, that "we looked tired and drained of feeling," that "a business executive was patching the soles of his shoes with cardboard" and that "a shipping reporter was wearing a beard because he couldn't buy any razor blades."

For all I know you may have been misinformed. But you can't blame me for that. Like the late Will Rogers, I only know what I read in the papers.

First of all, I would like to say that the shipping reporter won't get sympathy from anybody. Most shipping reporters (in fact most reporters) look better when their faces are hidden by something, even if it is only a beard.

So far as I'm concerned, I think they would all look better in masks. Either journalism never attracts handsome men or journalism does something to them when they're young.

Moreover, I think somebody was being funny with you about the razor blades. I think it is more likely that the shipping reporter was trying to look literary. Was he wearing green corduroy trousers, too?

But you have shocked us all with this stuff about a business executive going around in shoes patched with cardboard. This really hurts.

There was a time, of course, when few people cared if the children of the poor went around with cardboard soles to their shoes, or, for that matter, no shoes at all.

This went on for hundreds of years without attracting much attention from distinguished visitors, or even from distinguished natives, who ought to have known better.

Unless this business executive was another humorist, like the shipping reporter, it must mean one of three things.

1. The business executive put worn out his shoes before their time because he has no petrol allowance, can't get a taxi, and can't get on a bus. London bus drivers are now expert at driving past bus queues—so expert that some of them go about without any passengers at all.

2. He couldn't get into the coupon black market.

3. The Government must have allocated shoe leather to the children rather than to business executives.

This last explanation sounds so revolutionary that I hesitate to mention it. As everybody knows, a business executive must be properly dressed. Otherwise he gets no business.

I don't know how your business executives in America would react to a situation like this, Miss Young. They'd think we'd gone crazy, or sump'n.

## In the hotel

So far as looking "tired and drained of feeling" is concerned, you're certainly right, if you're referring to guests in an expensive London hotel.

In fact, I've never seen them look any different at any time. I will go further and say they looked just like that in the smart hotels of Paris and New York before the war.

Nobody can stay in a smart hotel anywhere without looking tired and drained of feeling after the first few days.

Some of them have hangovers. Some of them are acquiring hangovers. Most of them dislike or distrust each other. All of them are bored and all of them who are paying bills are wondering how much money the head waiter will drain out of them before they can escape.

In London, of course, it's slightly worse, because the guests who have handed over their ration books are also wondering what has happened to their butter ration, cheese ration, and sugar ration.

They know they get their margarine ration all right. They can taste it. They may get part of their cheese ration if the head waiter has had something in advance.

Considering that the sugar ration is big enough for anybody but a polar bear or a swarm of wasps, it's a wonder why they get no more than one lump of sugar in their coffee.

They may be wrong, but they suspect that the chef, the head waiter, or somebody with absolute power in the hotel world is a thief, taking home what he can of their rations and selling the rest to the wide boys who can dispose of it.

Well, Miss Young, this naturally makes them feel sore at everybody, especially as they know that if they don't tip the man who has robbed them they'll get even less.

It explains why guests in smart London hotels may look a little more tired and a little more drained of feeling than they do

in New York. They are not only bored. They are starved of vitamins A and D (contained in butter). They have also lost whatever faith they had in human nature.

It may also explain why you didn't get a "bite of bluen." Maybe the chef's children were biting your bit.

But you mustn't judge England by the people you meet in smart hotels, Miss Young. Very few Englishmen work in them and very few Englishmen have enough money to live in them.

## Invitation

WHY not stay with us next time you come over?

We live right on the sea front, not far from a coal mine. On certain days you can see the coast of France from our window, though I have never discovered the advantage of that.

But there would be some advantage in seeing some real people. As it is partly a mining community, you would see a cross-section of the British Isles, Englishmen, Welshmen, and Scotsmen.

Because nobody would dare to steal their rations, even if they got the chance, and because they are not living in stuffy rooms full of bores, they look anything but tired and drained of feeling. You should see them on a Saturday night.

## BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

YOU have to go to a modern dictionary for a definition of the word allergic.

Its real meaning, already forgotten outside medical circles, is that having used the same treatment twice on a patient, you get a different reaction the second time from the one you got the first time. It is now used to mean a dislike of fish or ballet or anything else. As my dictionary puts it, "Antipathetic to (antipathetic to blondes, bullets or prunes)."

## Iphigenia down twice

IN the foreground Orestes and Pylades, with Iphigenia, and the Chorus grouped round them. In the background, Ashura, with the plank, painted crimson, laid across his belly. At either end, waiting to mount, Kzbulah and Rizamughan. All three

are dressed in Greek costume, with fillets of ivy-leaves round their heads. At a word from Mr Velvete the orchestra strikes up. The dance begins. Ashura is laughing so much while the plank shifts sideways, and catches one of the chorus a gentle tap on the hip. She stumbles forward into Orestes, who overbalances, dragging with him Pylades, whose legs trip Iphigenia and send her hurtling into the wall of the orchestra. Rizamughan, springing to the rescue, gets a slip in the face. He steps back, knocking Kzbulah sideways into Iphigenia, who again falls into the orchestra pit. Velvete stops the rehearsal.

## More fun at Wretch Manor

MEANWHILE, far away at Wretch Manor, a deputation from Wugwell's Circus was waiting on Mrs Wretch, to persuade her that the

three courteous Persians "we had the honour of meeting at your house" would be more at home in the Circus than in the ballet. The twelve red-bearded dwarfs arrived while the conversation was going on, and immediately rang the bell for tea. Colonel Wretch was emerging from his study when he heard Edgedede Edgedede shout "the maid, 'Walton' Rissoles for eighty pence!" At the sight of the Colonel, Frums Gillygottle roared, "May I have a bloater with my tea, Commandant?" Anasimo, was at the hat stand in the hall, abstracting rabbits from hats. As the Colonel entered the drawing-room, Moloney Tubdurborn fired a toy pistol at him, and Scorpion de Rooftrouser, extracted from his mouth a string of flags. "This dance is ours," cried Guttergorn Guttergorn, encircling Mrs Wretch's waist.

FROM AMERICA:

# A NAVY IN MOTHBALLS

By C. V. R. Thompson

NEW YORK.

NOW the U.S. is not satisfied with its navy—

729 ships, including 10 battleships.

It is "all in mothballs," Congressmen complained,

and they estimated it would take 60 days for a first-

class American fleet to put to sea.

Congressman Harry Sheppard, a leading member of

the Appropriations Committee, blamed it all on his

"skinflint" colleagues.

Because of cuts, he said, the navy has had to lay

up ships it wanted to keep in operation.

He has announced he will fight for more money

for the navy.

Said he: "I think it's foolish to pretence false

economy on our national defence until things are more

settled in the world, and UNO is in a position to handle

anything that may arise internationally."

It is a safe bet now that Tories will be running the

U.S. at least until 1950.

Henry Wallace, ultra-Leftist, has made that clear.

A 1,000—1 outsider in the Presidential race, Wallace

has proved strong enough in New York to make Pres-

ident Truman an outsider, too.

To beat the Republican Tories, Truman must win

New York. To do it, he relies on a political machine

that has never been beaten. Bronx by-election Wallace beat

that machine so soundly that its boss, Edward Flynn, will

be sacked.

Wallace got his man in by (1)

concentrated Communist support; (2)

cleverly exploiting the Jews' anger

with Truman over his hesitancy in

helping the Palestine Zionists.

In the real fight next November

there will not be enough Communists

of Jews in New York to win Wallace

this vital city. But his success in

the Bronx proved to him and the

Tories' satisfaction that there are

enough to cut into Truman's votes.

A ONE-WOMAN battle against the

MacArthur for President move-

ment is being fought by the general's

first wife, Mrs. Alf Helberg. Every

week she gives the Press a new

wreckage against her ex-husband.

Latest—if he is a presidential dark

horse, he is in the last round-up.

ARNOLD TOYNBEE, the British

professor, whose profound "Study

of History" may outsell "Gone with

the Wind" in the U.S., arrived to

lecture to Americans about

history....

NEW YORK'S Empire State

Building is to lose its title—the

world's highest man-made structure.

The new candidate is a radio tower

being built in Des Moines, Iowa,

which will be 1,530 feet high, 280

feet more than the 100-storey Empire

State.

A \$4,000 PRIZE to the scientist

who develops the best defence

against the atom bomb was with-

drawn by the man who offered it,

Charles Kettering, inventor. Some-

one, Kettering would not say who,

told him to drop his plan, reason:

A successful defence would destroy

the bomb's diplomatic value.

AMERICAN SLANG, expressive as

it is, can sometimes cause

trouble. Take the case of Sidney

Zlotnick, a Washington furrier. He

advertised fur coats for sale for 497

"potatoes" along for dollars. A G.

I. bought two bushels of potatoes,

took them to Zlotnick and demanded

a fur coat for his wife. He got it.

AFTER taking a look at UNO, Earl

Lloyd George, now lecturing in

America, said: "I cannot help feel-

ing that God never meant the Tower

of Babel to be a success."

A NEW LOOK for British goods

is being designed by a U.S. in-

dustrial architect, Raymond Loewy,

famed among other things for his

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pool in the middle of the sitting-

room. Loewy is concentrating on

British cooking, stoves, plumbing,

and business machines.

CONGRESS'S COMMITTEE

which keeps hunting for Com-

munists is threatening to look into

the greeting card industry. The

reason: It has found a Valentine

with the traditional heart surround-

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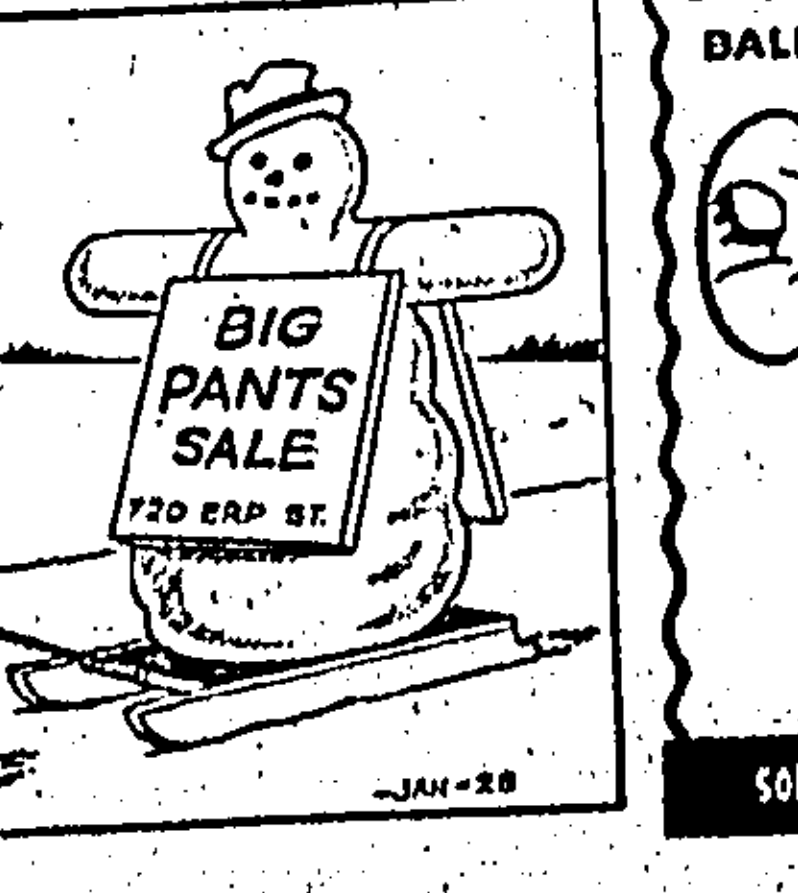
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## BUENOS AIRES BANK STRIKE

Buenos Aires, Mar. 23.—All bank workers in Buenos Aires struck work today, halting commercial activity in the city.

The Bank of London and South America and the National City Bank of New York were affected.

The lightning strike followed a midday incident in the Plaza de Mayo, where police dispersed bank employees demonstrating for increased wages. One worker was injured.

When the banks opened today, most employees went to their desks and folded their arms. The strike movement quickly became general. The government-controlled Central Bank appeared to be the only one not affected.—Reuter.

## MARSHALL PLAN FOR ASIA URGED

New Delhi, Mar. 23.—A "Marshall Plan" for Asia—an effective programme of mutual aid on a regional basis—might be provided by the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, Dr. Henry F. Grady, United States Ambassador to India, said here today.

Dr. Grady, addressing the Indian Council of World Affairs, said the Economic Commission was expected to meet in India in May and recommend a number of positive steps for the advancement of the area.

The possibilities of such an organisation were great and it might in many respects become a counterpart of the European recovery programme.

Dr. Grady declared: "The Marshall Plan will not deprive the Far East of its share of equipment it requires. It would stimulate European production of machinery and equipment, which would reduce the European demands on American production, and in time, through increased European purchases of Asia's products, would provide Asia with foreign exchange for the purchase abroad of needed industrial equipment.—Reuter.

## Jews Reject Trusteeship

(Continued from Page 1)

Britain, the Foreign Secretary said, was ready to hand the mandate over to whatever body the United Nations decided on.

Britain had made it perfectly clear that she would not oppose the United Nations decision ever since it was taken.

"If other people have got it into a muddle, why should the British Government be blamed?"

"We are blamed when we try to get out. We are blamed for what may happen when we get out—I think the quicker we are out the better," Mr. Bevin concluded amid cheers.

### CHARGE REBUTTED

Earlier, Mr. Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary, opening a debate on a Bill providing for the ending of British jurisdiction in Palestine on May 15, said it was easy to blame Britain.

It was also easy to forget that the Palestine Commission was charged with a responsibility which it had not the means of discharging—a task which, in the conditions of Palestine, was "somewhat unreal."

Mr. Creech Jones rebutted a charge that Britain had behaved with disrespect of the United Nations, declaring that she had, in all the discussions with the Palestine Commission, been forthcoming in trying to meet their wishes in almost every respect.

Other points made by Mr. Creech Jones in reply to questions were: The Government was "absolutely adamant" that the date for withdrawal and the ending of the mandate must be observed.

The Government could not foresee what the position in Palestine would be after May 15.

Britain would have no responsibility in regard to immigration after that date.

The United Nations resolution paid little heed to the "enormous problem" which confronted the Palestine Government itself, not only in the winding up of the administration, but in the maintenance of law and order until troops could be withdrawn.

Since Britain accepted the United Nations resolution in favour of partition, her purpose had been "perfectly honest and straightforward" except that at no time had she undertaken to carry out the decision.—Reuter.

## CHENNAULT'S PREDICTION

Washington, Mar. 23.—Major General Claire E. Chennault, former commander of the Flying Tigers, predicted today that Chinese Communists will control Manchuria within three months unless the United States aids Nationalist China. He told the Overseas Writers Association he has no doubt that a Communist government in Manchuria will bring prompt recognition by Russia of a new state.

Then, he continued, he believes the Russians will attempt to Communise all of China.—Associated Press.

## Gruber Defines Austrian Policy

London, Mar. 23.—The Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Karl Gruber, at a press conference here today, denied reports that Austria would welcome a separate treaty with the Western Powers. "A one-sided withdrawal of troops would be absolutely senseless," Dr. Gruber declared.

He said that he thought the deputies of the Big Four Foreign Ministers, who are working on the Austrian treaty, had made no progress in the last four or five weeks.

Dr. Gruber is returning home tomorrow after a number of weeks here to be at hand during the deputies' discussions. He said that he would probably come back if there were any sign of quick results from the deputies' talks.

Dr. Gruber said that he regretted that the Soviet Union took the view that Austria should get her arms from her own production exclusively.

"Austria must have a free choice to buy arms where she can get them," he declared.

Austria had nothing to worry about once the occupation forces had withdrawn, provided that she could organise her own army and police.

### Internally Strong

She was internally strong, with a two-party coalition, representing 95 percent of her population.

"We are determined to carry on a free democracy in Austria and no one will force us from this position. No Communist will be allowed to achieve power except to the extent that he is entitled to by the number of votes cast in his favour."

Dr. Gruber said that his Government was satisfied with the agreement under which the formerly Austrian South Tyrol was to have autonomy within Italy.

A big step forward had been taken there, though there still was room for improvement.

There was no reason to negotiate with Yugoslavia over Yugoslav territorial claims in the Austrian province of Carinthia, he said. The present border had always been the Austrian border and would remain so.—Reuter.

## Easter Leave Cancelled For Danish Army

Copenhagen, Mar. 23.—The Danish Privy Council met today, and the Parliamentary Foreign Committee will meet tomorrow, it was officially announced.

Well-informed circles believe that the No. 1 topic today was the foreign political situation.

On Monday night, it was announced that Easter leave had been suspended for "a part of" Denmark's young officers and non-commissioned officers. Danish papers were asked not to give the communique "sensational display."

Only one paper, the conservative National Tidende, printed the communique on the front page, and only one paper, the Communist Land Off, commented on the announcement.

"The reason for the communique may be a wish to refute rumours circulating during the last days in military barracks that Easter leave would be suspended for all rank and file because of the political situation," the paper said.

### Security Measures

Asked by the Associated Press whether the foreign political situation had caused the suspension of leave for "a part of" the young Danish officers, Rasmus Hansen, Defence Minister, said:

"We had found out that the leave regulations would expose the military in some places where it is necessary to maintain a little preparedness."

Informed sources reported that during the last two days certain security measures have been carried out as regards the availability of officers in an emergency.

It was pointed out that similar measures were carried out in 1939 and 1940 at times when it was found necessary for security reasons.—Associated Press.

## ANTI-TRUMAN MOVEMENT

New York, Mar. 23.—Three leaders of the Democratic machine in New York City today came out against President Truman's reelection because of the Administration's abandonment of the partition plan for Palestine.

The New York Times, commenting on this "northern revolt" within the Democratic Party, said that Democratic leaders in areas heavily populated by Jews were hoping that Mr. Truman might be persuaded not to run for re-election, and that General Eisenhower could be drafted in his place.

"Rich," southern Democrats, meanwhile, gained another recruit when Senator Lister Hill, of Alabama, called for President Truman's withdrawal from the Presidential race today.

The situation in Alabama and the South over President Truman's civil rights programme makes it clear, he said, that there cannot be a Democratic Party unity with President Truman as the nominee of the party.

Senator Carl Hatch (Democrat of New Mexico) told newsmen, however, that President Truman had no intention of stepping aside for another Democratic nominee.—Reuter.

## HONGKONG ROTARIANS' GIFT



HERE is Hongkong-born Flight Lieutenant A. Charlton, son of Mrs J. J. Edgar, with the mobile canteen presented by Hongkong Rotarians during the war to 644 Squadron, R.A.F.

## WORLD SPORT:

## Rinty Monaghan Takes Crown From Paterson

Belfast, Mar. 23.—Rinty Monaghan (Belfast), by knocking out Jackie Paterson (Glasgow) in the seventh round here tonight, became undisputed world's flyweight champion, a title which he held according to American and Irish authorities because of his victory last year against Dado Marino.

Paterson, however, was the official holder according to British reckoning, because he won a court action after the British Board of Control had taken the title from him when he failed to weigh in for a title fight with Marino and the Board reinstated him as champion.

After much concern as to whether he would make the weight for tonight's fight with Monaghan, however, Paterson made the eight-stone limit with four ounces to spare to weigh one pound more than Monaghan.

At the start, Monaghan attempted to fathom Paterson's south-paw stance, and both treated each other with respect, but in the first round were staggered by blows in the jaw.

Monaghan seemed to be having the better of matters, however, and he knocked the champion down in the second round; he landed to the jaw in the third round after both had been warned to produce more action.

### Only Semi-Conscious

Paterson was showing no sign of weakness through having to make the weight, but he was not so aggressive as he usually is and it was Monaghan who appeared to be doing the most attacking. The Irishman made Paterson miss with several vicious hooks and swings, but there were long periods of inactivity, with Paterson doing the most retreating.

Monaghan was quick to escape trouble when, having forced his rival to miss, Paterson attempted counter-punching during the sixth round.

At the start of the seventh round, Paterson connected with Monaghan's jaw and was following up when the Irishman caught him with a full-blooded right, which sent the champion down for nine.

He was dazed as he rose, and Monaghan proceeded to deal out punishment with both hands until Paterson sank to a sitting position in his rival's corner, to be counted out. He looked to be reclining at ease, but the dazed look on his face showed he was only semi-conscious and he had to be carried to his corner.

Apart from his world title, Paterson also surrendered his British and Empire championship to Rinty Monaghan.—Reuter.

### Frontman Loses

Belfast, Mar. 23.—Walter Member of France lost on points against Tommy Armour of Belfast in a welterweight bout.

### DAB and FLOUNDER

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## Conference On World Information Opens

Geneva, Mar. 23.—A call for action by the world press, films and radio to stop the spread of "an hysterical, gloomy picture of a coming third world war" was made by delegates at the conference here today of the United Nations conference on freedom of information and the press.

Opening the conference, Mr. Benjamin Cohen, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, called for action from the 500 delegates of the 53 nations to "see that the peoples of the world get a true and full picture of world events which is far from a gloomy and hopeless one."

"There is no doubt whatsoever that the almost unanimous will of the people is everywhere for peace," Mr. Cohen said. "Whoever may wish to evaluate the present conditions of international relations on the basis of generally disseminated information only will have to conclude that the world is on the brink of a third world war because of the failure of the peoples to join together the machinery of international harmonisation which they possess—the United Nations."

But the very fact that the conference was taking place was evidence that "international co-operation moves on and works with a considerable measure of success in fields of permanent concern for the well-being of mankind," Mr. Cohen said.

### Joined Forces

Britain and the Soviet Union twice joined forces in the conference today.

## OUTWARD MAILS

On Friday, Saturday and Monday, March 26, 27 and 28, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon and the other branch post offices from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from pillar boxes each day. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays. Christmas, 1947.—United States registered articles and parcels close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. It will close before 10 a.m. registered and parcels will close at 5 p.m. on previous day.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

Closing Times By Air  
Japan (Ordinary letters and cards only) 3.30 p.m.  
Canton, Luchow, Kuning, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Tainan, Swatow and Fochow, 2.30 p.m.  
Closing Times By Sea & Train  
Macao, Tientsin and Shekki (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.  
Hongkong (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Hankow (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Macao, Tientsin and Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m.  
Strait, Malacca and Sourabaya (Sea) 5 p.m.  
Kongmoon (Sea) 5 p.m.  
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 25

Closing Times By Air  
Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord).  
Manila, 10 a.m. (ord).  
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 3.30 p.m.  
Hollow, Canton, Shanghai, Tientsin, Hankow, Tainan, Swatow and Fochow, 2.30 p.m.  
Closing Times By Sea & Train  
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.  
Macao, Tientsin and Shekki (Sea) 8 a.m.  
Manila (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Hankow (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Macao, Tientsin and Shekki (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Canton (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Macao, Tientsin and Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m.  
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 26

Closing Times By Air  
Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord).  
Bangkok, Hongkong, Calcutta, Karachi, Lahore, Cairo, (Mediterranean), and Marseilles (via Cairo) Augusta and London, (Kowloon CPO) Noon (reg and par); (GPO) Noon (reg and ord).

## ZBW RADIO

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6. Programme Summary: 6.01, Studio: Children's Hour; 6.15, Tammy Toots visits Edinburgh; 6.30, Songs from "Blue Siles" by Irving Berlin with (BBC's) Billy Crooby, Frank Axtell, Joan Caulfield, Billy de Wolfe, Olga San Juan and the Paramount Studio Orchestra; 7. London Relay: World and Home News; 7.15, "Navy Mixtures Melodies" Melody and Song (BBC's); 7.30, Studio: "I Bring You Music" Classic Record; 7.45, presented by Marion Glover; 8.30, New Concert Orchestra; 8.45, "We Sing for You" Elizabeth Schuchman and Stuart Robertson; 9. London Relay: World and Home News; 9.15, London Relay: Nobel Prize Winners (Rodgers and Hammerstein); 10. London Relay: Radio News; 10.15, Weather Report; 10.16, Selections from the Opera, "Prince Igor" (Borodin); 10.33, Dance to Joe Loss and His Orchestra; 10.50, Studio: Epilogue; 11. Close Down.

The first time was to support Poland's unsuccessful nomination of Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, India's chief delegate, as president of the conference.

Later China proposed Sir Ramaswami as president of the conference committee on law and continuing machinery in connection with decisions taken to guarantee freedom of information. He was elected unanimously.

The chief Netherlands delegate, M. Van Houven Goedhart, was today unanimously elected president of the most important committee of the United Nations conference.

The committee will draw up a statement on the basic tasks of the press and other channels of information and the basic principles of the freedom of information.

Mr. Goedhart was proposed by Norway and seconded by India, China, Belgium, the United States, France and Greece.—Reuter.

### Romulo As President

Geneva, Mar. 23.—Dr. Carlos P. Romulo, Philippines United Nations representative, was today elected President of the United Nations conference on freedom of the press, winning by 30 votes in a secret ballot.

India's Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, originally proposed by Poland, was second with 16. China's Dr. P. C. Chang received one vote.

Dr. Romulo, who originally proposed the freedom of the press conference 18 months ago, was given an ovation as he stepped to the platform to make his formal acceptance speech.

Dr. Romulo's victory was the second Soviet defeat on the opening day of the 55-nation conference. Earlier Russia sought to double the voting strength of the Eastern European bloc by a proposal to give participating nations which are non-members of the United Nations the right to vote. The proposal was defeated 27 to six with two abstentions.

Five Eastern European states would have been qualified by the proposal's acceptance, adding to the Soviet bloc of eight, including Finland.—United Press.

### "Undeclared Warfare"

Geneva, Mar. 23.—Allegations of "undeclared warfare" by Albania and Bulgaria against Greece and of "military activities" by Outer Mongolia against China marked the opening of the United Nations Conference on freedom of information today.

The allegations were made by representatives of Greece and China during discussion of Soviet proposals to grant voting rights to non-members of the United Nations represented at the conference, and to invite Outer Mongolia to participate as a non-member.

Both proposals were later decisively rejected by the conference. The chief Soviet delegate, A. E. Logomolov, reiterated a demand already turned down by the conference during the morning session that the non-members—Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Rumania, Rumania and Switzerland—should have voting rights at the conference. He was supported by France and Belgium as well as by the representatives of Poland and Bulgaria.

The Soviet proposal was opposed by Hector McNell of Britain, who asserted that the conference was not empowered to alter a decision made by its parent body, the Economic and Social Conference.

The United States and several other delegations supported McNell.

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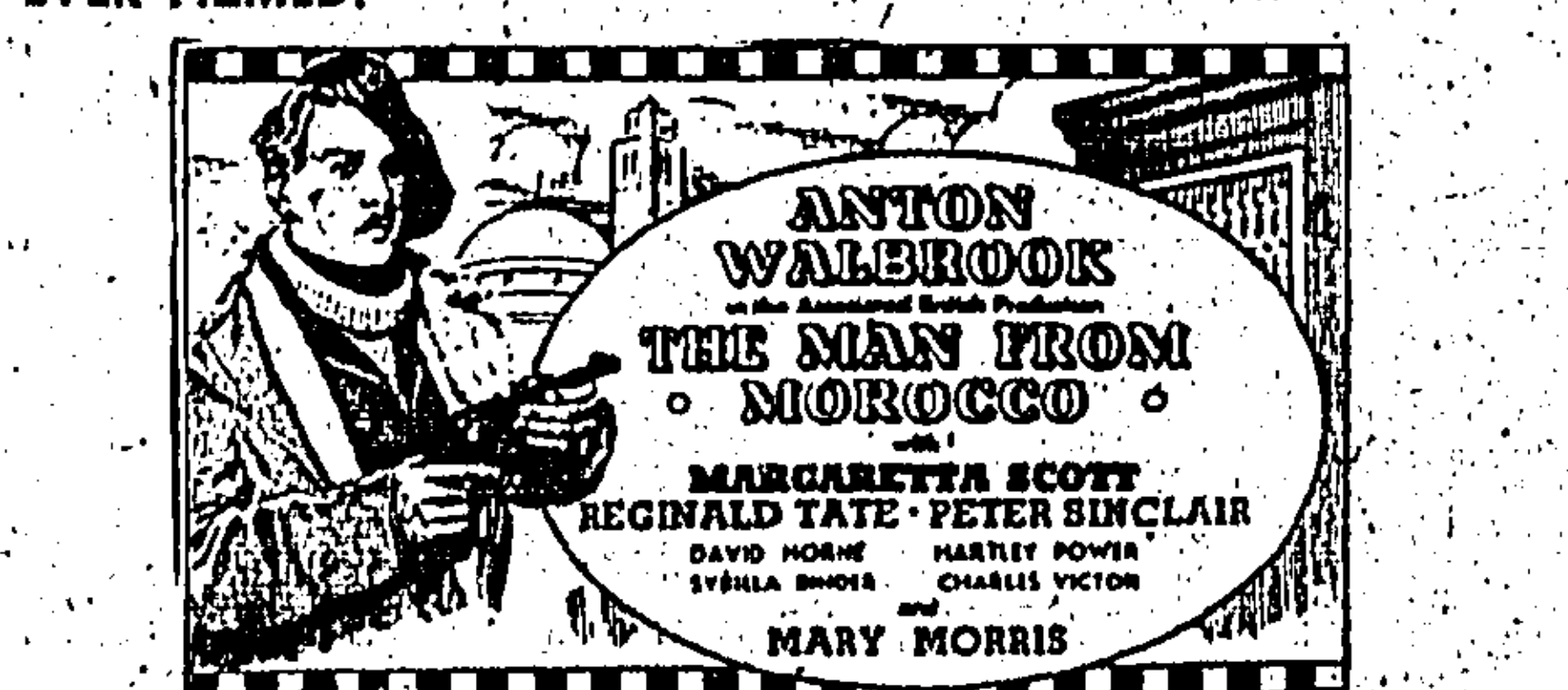
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